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REMARKS

In the previous application, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 8, 11-18, 21 and 24-26 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) in view of US Patent 5,559,860 (Mizikovsky). The Examiner also rejected claims 6-7 and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) under Mizikovsky in view of US Patent 5,664,063 (Johnson). Also, claims 9 and 22 were rejected under Mizikovsky in view of US Patent 4,481,382 (Villa-Real) and claims 10 and 23 were rejected under Mizikovsky in view of US Patent 5,790,974 (Tognazzini).

This preliminary amendment further defines the claim recitation "reminder" in independent claims 1 and 14 in order to distinguish from the prior art of record. The recitation "The reminder for reminding at least one person of a further event to occur subsequent to a triggering event" has been added to both claim 1 and 14. This amendment more clearly defines the function of a reminder according to the claimed invention and is supported in the specification, for example, at page 4, lines 22-25 and at page 7, lines 26-29.

None of the prior art discloses the embodiment of the invention as claimed in amended claims 1 and 14. Mizikovsky, which the Examiner cited as disclosing an alert for an incoming call, does not disclose a reminder as now recited in claims 1 and 14. Claims 1 and 14 are therefore believed allowable.

Claims 2 through 13 and 15-26 are dependent on claims 1 and 14 and are believed allowable for the same reasons as claims 1 and 14.

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Applicants therefore respectfully request allowance of pending claims 1-26.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. (Twice Amended) A method for generating a reminder in a communication device operating system, said method comprising the steps of:

generating a reminder from user input and storing said reminder in the system, the reminder for reminding at least one person of a future event to occur subsequent to a triggering event;

defining [a]said triggering event and storing an indication of said triggering event in the system; wherein said triggering event is an event initiated external to the communication device, the indication of said triggering event and [the]said reminder indexed together, once stored, in the system;

defining an action and storing an indication of said action in the system, [the]said action [associated with the reminder]indicating said reminder to said at least one person, and [the]said action, once stored, indexed together with [the]said triggering event and [the]said reminder;

detecting an occurrence of said triggering event; and

performing, in response to detecting said triggering event, said action indicating said reminder to said at least one person, [associated with the reminder,] at the communication device.

14. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for generating a reminder in a communication device or operating in a system, said apparatus comprising:

an input device for receiving an input in the communication device, said input generating a reminder, said reminder for reminding at least one person of a future event to occur subsequent to a triggering event, defining [a]said triggering event, said triggering event to be initiated

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external to the communication device, and defining an action, wherein said action [is to be performed using] indicates said reminder to said at least one person upon occurrence of said triggering event;

at least one memory, said memory for storing said reminder, an indication of said triggering event, and an indication of said action in the system, indexed there together; and

a processor in the communication device, coupled to said input device and operable to communicate with said at least one memory, said processor for detecting occurrence of said triggering event and initiating, in response to detecting said triggering event, performance of said action indicating said reminder to said at least one person [on said reminder] in the communication device.